

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 4, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2153  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 2153 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote economic vitality through small business ownership by establishing a cottage food law to allow home-based food production businesses to sell food items directly to consumers if certain conditions are met.

The Councilmember representing District IV of the Honolulu City Council and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Health testified in opposition to this bill.

Many individuals in Hawaii enjoy creating delicious, local foods and snacks in their home kitchens to share with family, friends, and neighbors. Some individuals have turned this creative hobby into an economic opportunity and livelihood. However, there is confusion regarding the regulation of home-based food production businesses and the health requirements that must be met to establish and maintain such a business. This measure attempts to clarify this issue.

While your Committee understands the Department of Health's position regarding the necessity of this measure, your Committee finds that this measure warrants further discussion.

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Your Committee has amended this bill by changing its effective date to January 20, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2153, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2153, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Health.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development & Business,



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CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSCR 135-14

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 2153	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EDB, HLT, CPC	<b>Date:</b> 11/31/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	✓			
2. WARD, Gene (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen				✓
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
6. ITO, Ken	✓			
7. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.		✓		
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	9	1		1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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